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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ROGERS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GUYANESE AMBASSADOR

1. I HAD ANOTHER TALK WITH BUNNY MANN ON MAR 4. HE WAS CLEARLY PREOCCUPIED BY, QUOTE, THREAT, UNQUOTE, OF VENEZUELAN AND BRAZILIAN INTERVENTION, REFERRING SEVERAL TIMES TO EXISTENCE OF, QUOTE, SIEGE MENTALITY, UNQUOTE, IN GEORGETOWN, AND LAMENTING FACT THAT SCARCE RESOURCES WERE BEING TRANSFERRED TO DEFENSE EFFORTS. HE SAID THAT PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN GUYANA IS COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED AND THAT GOG HAS GIVEN FORMAL ASSURANCES ON THIS POINT TO BOTH VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF GUYANA WERE INVADED, THE GOG WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY CALL FOR OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE-- INCLUDING CUBA.

2. I REASSURED HIM THAT USG IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS
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PRESS SPECULATION. ON THE CONTRARY, WE HAVE REPEATEDLY

SAID THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM RUMORS ABOUT CUBAN PRESENCE IN GUYANA. MANN THEN ASKED ME WHAT U.S. ATTITUDE WOULD BE IF INVASION BY NEIGHBOR DID IN FACT OCCUR. I REPLIED THAT U.S. WOULD NEVER CONDONE SUCH AN ACTION,

SINCE WE STAND SQUARELY ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT DISPUTES ARE TO BE SETTLED PEACEABLY AS SET DOWN IN THE UN CHARTER. I SUGGESTED THAT SMALL STATES MIGHT BE ADVISED TO LOOK FIRST TO SUCH INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRINCIPLES, AND TO THE PEACEKEEPING MACHINERY AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT THEM IN THE OAS, AND THAT RESORT TO FORCE, INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL, SHOULD BE A LAST RESORT. HE REPLIED THAT GUYANA WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION, NOR WOULD IT SEE MEMBERSHIP AS OF MUCH UTILITY IF THE DOMINANT MEMBER OF THE OAS WERE NOT FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE USE OF THE ORGANIZATION TO PROTECT GUYANA AND INHIBIT ANY INTERVENTIONIST TENDENCIES OF BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA. HE ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT FAIL TO NOTICE THAT PUBLIC CONCERN OVER A POSSIBLE MENACE FROM CUBANS IN GUYANA HAD INCREASED IN CARACAS AND BRASILIA JUST AFTER THE SECRETARY DEPARTED THOSE TWO CAPITALS ON HIS SWING THROUGH LA. I ASSURED HIM THAT WE HAD NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER THAT EITHER COUNTRY WAS CONTEMPLATING RESORT TO FORCE AGAINST GUYANA. IN ALL EVENTS, WE WOULD BE AS READY TO INVOKE THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AGAINST THOSE POWERS AS AGAINST ANY OTHER STATE.

3. I ADDED THAT IT WAS CONCERN WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION THAT COLORED OUR REACTION TO CUBA'S EFFORT IN ANGOLA. HE REPLIED WITH A FAIRLY STANDARD RATIONALIZATION OF THE CUBAN ACTION, AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT NOT TO BE PROUD OF WHAT THE CUBANS HAD DONE THERE.

4. I ALSO USED OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN ABOUT REPORT THAT EMBASSY GEORGETOWN OFFICER MAY BE TARGET FOR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. MANN WAS UNAWARE OF THIS MATTER, BUT PROMISED TO INFORM WILLS THAT I RAISED IT.

5. ONE FINAL POINT: I ASKED MANN IF HE THOUGHT TRIP
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BY ME TO GEORGETOWN WOULD BE USEFUL IN PROMOTING OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN. HE SAID HIS PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT SUCH A TRIP WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, BUT WANTS TO CHECK OUT WITH WILLS. HE ASKED APPROXIMATE TIMING I HAVE IN MIND FOR THIS. I REPLIED THAT I HAVE NO DEFINITE DATES IN MIND BUT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO MAKE VISIT IN LATE SPRING OR SUMMER. IF WILLS RAISES THIS WITH YOU, YOU SHOULD CONFIRM THAT TO

WOULD BE INTERESTED IF SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
US-GOG RELATIONS, BUT THAT I CANNOT BE DEFINITE ABOUT
IT JUST YET.

6. COMMENT: IF MANN IS ANY INDICATION, THE SENSE OF
THREAT AGAINST GUYANA HAS INCREASED IN THAT UNHAPPY LAND
IN RECENT WEEKS. I INTEND TO SEE MANN AGAIN SHORTLY. KISSINGER

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